(b) what further steps are being taken to utilise 'Trishul' for strengthening our Naval arm?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Naval version of 'Trishul' missile has been flight tested on 3rd June, 1998. Valuable information on the integrated performance of 'Trishul' in naval user configuration has been obtained as a result of the trial.

(b) Further developmental flight trials are planned during next three months, before the missile enters users trial phase. When inducted, this missile will enhance Indian Navy's defence capability against adversary aircrafts and sea-skimming anti-ship missiles.

Missing Defence Officers

2306. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Indian defence officers and other personnel have been missing since 1962 Chinese agression on India and remain

unaccounted for;

(b) if so, the number of the details thereof and the steps taken to track them to enemy jails or otherwise; and

(c) how many have since been tracked and repatriated?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) During Indo-China War of 1962 29 officers and 1701 other ranks were reported missing and were presumed killed.

Police Introduce False Witnesses in Court

2307. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'Police introduced false witnesses in Court' appearing in the Times of India, dated 14th May, 1998;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein; and

(c) the action taken by Government against the officials responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A case FIR No. 349/89 u/s 302/506/147/148/149/12G-E, IPC and 27/54/59 Arms Act was registered against six persons for the murder of Shri Hari Chauhan on 23.10.1989. The case was tried in the Court of Shri K.S. Khurana, Additional Sessions Judge, Delhi. While acquitting the accused by giving them the benefit of doubt, the Hon'ble Judge, inter-alia, observed that the Investigating Officer had introduced false witnesses in order to solve the case. As directed in the judgement dated 25.4.98, a Vigilance Enquiry has been instituted against the police officer in question.

Bodo Autonomous Council

2308. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to solve the Bodo Autonomous Council problems;

(b) whether Government have decided to include 10 kilometer area between Bodo Autonomous Council boundary and Bhutan into the Bodo Autonomous Council; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to solve the boundary problem of Bodo Autonomous Council?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) A tripartite meeting was held on 25th and 26th May, 1998 at New Delhi with the officials of Govt, of India, representatives of Government of Assam and the representatives of Bodo groups to resolve amicably the Bodo problem including problems of Bodoland Autonomous Council. Though the issues were not resolved, the difference were narrowed